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In re U.S. Patent Application
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Examiner: Kevin McDermott

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COMMUNICATION AND NOTICE OF APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR REFUND

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

COMMUNICATION

A response to the Official Action dated October 30, 2002 was filed by hand carry on April 10, 2003 with payment of the requisite extension fee. A review of the application status on PAIR on April 25, 2003 and a telephone status inquiry made today indicate that the response filed on April 10, 2003 was not received. As suggested by Examiner McDermott, a copy of the papers as-filed on April 10, 2003, along with a true copy of the receipt card stamped "Received Technology Center 3600" by the U.S. PTO is enclosed, as it appears that the response was lost by the Office after filing.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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To preserve Applicant's rights in view of the lost papers, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated October 30, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims: 1, 3, 4, 6-12, 14-18, and 20-22. The Appeal fee of \$320.00 is enclosed.

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

As it appears that this appeal notice resulted from the loss of the response filed April 10, 2003 within the Office, a full refund of the Notice of Appeal fee is requested.

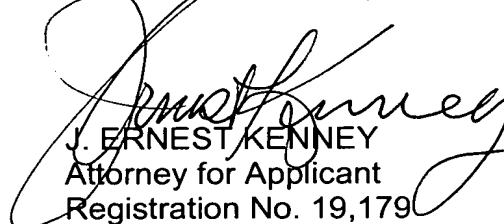
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 02-0200**.

Reconsideration of the application under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is respectfully requested.

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